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SUBJECT: HOUSE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR KIM DONG-JO

REF: A) SEOUL 7090; B) STATE 204780; C) STATE 204188;

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1. HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE (REF B), UNLIKE SENATE QUESTIONNAIRE (REF C), WILL, I BELIEVE, POSE CERTAIN PROCEDURAL AND TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THE ROKG. WHILE WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW THE ROKG AND KIM DONG-JO WILL RESPOND TO ANY QUESTION, BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID PERCEIVED PITFALLS.

2. QUESTIONNAIRE PRESENTED BY HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE, EXCEPT FOR A FEW INSTANCES, IS BROADLY DRAWN AND REQUIRES KIM DONG-JO TO SUPPLY NAMES, DATES, AMOUNTS, ETC. HE MAY VERY WELL BE UNWILLING TO DO THIS, PREFERRING TO RESPOND IN THE SAME GENERAL TERMS AS THE QUESTIONNAIRE. THIS WILL NOT BE USEFUL TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE. THE APPROACH FOLLOWED BY THE SENATE (REF C) IS MORE PROMISING IN TERMS OF PROBABLY RESULTS.

3. IT WOULD NOT REQUIRE TOO MUCH TIME AND WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE IN OUR VIEW IF THE HOUSE COULD MAKE A FEW EDITORIAL CHANGES IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE. QUESTIONS 5, 8,
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9, 10, 20, AND 21 ARE ALL PHRASED AS IF THEY REFER TO PROVEN FACT. AS AUTHORIZED, I EMPHASIZED TO THE FORMIN THAT QUESTIONS WOULD BE STATED IN A MANNER ALLOWING KIM DONG-JO TO RESPOND GRACEFULLY, AND FORMIN REACTED FAVORABLY TO THIS ASSURANCE. THESE QUESTIONS THUS, I HOPE, COULD BE REPHRASED TO ASK QUOTE DID YOU DO SUCH AND SUCH END QUOTE RATHER THAN REMAIN IN THEIR PRESENT FORM. WE MUST ASSUME THAT KIM DONG-JO IS AWARE OF STATEMENTS

MADE REGARDING HIM AND WILL RESPOND IN LIGHT OF SUCH STATEMENTS.

4. THE OTHER EDITORIAL FIX OF VALUE WOULD BE TO INCLUDE NAMES WHERE AVAILABLE. THUS QUESTION 1 WOULD READ QUOTE DID YOU TRANSFER AMOUNTS OF U.S. CURRENCY TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1967 TO JANUARY 1, 1977 EITHER FOR HIS OWN USE OR FOR HIS CAMPAIGN OR TO ANY OTHER MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; (NAMES PROVIDED REF B) END QUOTE. QUESTIONS 2, 3, AND 4 WOULD THEN REMAIN AS NOW DRAWN. IN A SIMILAR MANNER, ALL OTHER BROADLY DRAWN QUESTIONS (5, 7, 7, 11, 13B, 14B, 15B, 16, 17B, 18B, 19B, 20, 22B, AND 23D) SHOULD INCLUDE NAMES OF ANY CONGRESSMEN OR FORMER CONGRESSMEN WHO MIGHT BE SUSPECT.

5. IN ADDITION, I AGAIN URGE THAT THE QUESTIONNAIRE CONTAIN AS MUCH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE AS WE CAN POSSIBLE MUSTER, BECAUSE IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT KIM DONG JO OR THE ROKG WILL AGREE TO AN ENDLESS EXCHANGE OF "CLARIFICATION". RATHER, IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL, WE

WILL OBTAIN ONE OR, AT MOST, TWO INFORMAL EXCHANGES FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRE. THUS, AN APPROACH PREDICATED UPON KEEPING CERTAIN QUESTIONS BACK IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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HOPE THAT KIM DONG-JO WILL COME FORWARD WITH THE INFORMATION ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE COULD RESULT IN UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AT THE END OF THE AGREED UPON EXCHANGES AND CERTAINLY WILL LEAVE SOME ANSWERS UNCLARIFIED. FURTHER, SUCH AN APPROACH WILL BE SEEN AS INSINCERE BY THE ROKG, WHICH, ON THE BASIS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS, EXPECTS FULL AND DETAILED QUESTIONS IN THE INITIAL EXCHANGE.

6. THERE IS TIME FOR THIS TO BE DONE. MOFA'S YU CHONG-HA INFORMED POLCOUNS THIS MORNING (AUGUST 14) THAT FORMIN WOULD ARRIVE TOO LATE TODAY FOR A MEETING AND HAS ASKED THAT NOTHING BE SHCEDULED ON AUGUST 15 (INDEPENDENCE DAY). EARLIEST TIME FOR MY INITIAL MEETING NOW APPEARS TO BE AUGUST 16. GLEYSTEN

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